

# St. John's United Church of Christ



## 2018 Newsletter

*“The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community promoting the kingdom of God through worship, teaching and action...get ready!”*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2018</h1>		<b>St. John's United Church of Christ</b> 101 S. Clark St. (PO BOX 264) Black Creek, WI 54106 920-984-3845		1	2	3
					Youth serve and clean up for Salvation Army Bread of Life appreciation dinner.	
4 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> (Rev. Moira Finley) (Children's Choir sings)	5       7:30 p.m. Men's Dartball here vs. Cicero Lutheran	6	7     1:30 p.m. Women's Guild meeting (Roberta L. & Ila Mae J.)   6:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	8	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> (Senior Choir sings)	12      7:30 p.m. Men's Dartball here vs. Seymour UM	13    6:30 p.m. Council meeting	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>LOVE</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> (Communion & Ashes) 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir 	15 9:00 a.m. <i>March Newsletter information due in the church office</i>	16     Youth Tubing Event, at Navarino Ski Hill.	17
18 9:00 a.m. Youth Group, Sunday School & Bible Study 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> (Senior Choir sings) 11:15 a.m. New Member Brunch for potential new members and leaders 	19     7:30 p.m. Men's Dartball @ Navarino Lutheran	20	21    6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> – L.L. 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	22    1:00 p.m. Assembly Newsletter ( <i>please call office to confirm at noon</i> )	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> After Worship, Prospective new member class & brunch—L.L.	26     Men's Dartball make up game	27	28    6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> – L.L. 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	<div> <p>“Ah, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly lovely” (Song of Solomon 1:16 NRSV).</p> </div>		

# Ash Wednesday



This year, Ash Wednesday is February 14. Please plan to join us for our service at 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary. Imposition of Ashes and Communion will be elements of our Ash Wednesday service. All are invited and welcome to join us. Join us, as we begin our meaningful journey through Lent.

## Lenten Midweek Services

Food for the body and food for the soul! Join us Wednesdays throughout Lent [February 21, and 28, and March 7, 14, and 21, 2018] for our soup and sandwich supper at 6:30 p.m., and a round-table-style service, following supper, at 7:00. We anticipate our Wednesday evening services to run about thirty minutes.

## Updates and You!

It is nearly time to publish our directory. There will be a working draft of the directory in the east entrance and one is in the northwest entrance of the church. **Please** look for your family listing, and **if anything** is in need of editing, PLEASE email the specifics to Kim in the office, [StJCreek@gmail.com](mailto:StJCreek@gmail.com), or leave a note in the church office box between the office doors, informing us of the necessary changes. Thank you.

St. John's  
United Church of Christ  
**Directory**  
February 2018



# Lenten Worship Series—2018

## *From Despair to Hope— From Fear to Confidence*

This year's Lenten Series is entitled **From Despair to Hope—From Fear to Confidence**. It is based on a comparison between Psalm 22 and Psalm 23. As He is dying on the cross, Jesus quotes the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm: *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?"* The joyful news of Easter morning reflects the hope and confidence expressed in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm! Worship is at 7:00 p.m. each of the Wednesdays.

This Lenten season, we will contemplate what it means to live between despair and hope, fear and confidence. **Be sure to join us.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Matthew 4:1-11	<i>A Confident Start —</i>
<b>February 14</b>	Psalm 22:1-2	<i>A Shaky Ending</i>
<b>February 21</b>	Job 10:1-8	<i>Feeling Victimized</i>
<b>February 28</b>	Matthew 25:41-30	<i>Blinded By Fear</i>
<b>March 7</b>	Luke 12:22-31	<i>Waylaid By Worry</i>
<b>March 14</b>	Romans 5:1-5	<i>The Power of Hope</i>
<b>March 21</b>	Psalm 23 Romans 8:24-28	<i>Confidence Rooted in God's Love</i>

*"Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long" (Psalm 23:6 NRSV).*

## Upcoming Youth Events

**Friday, February 2:** Serving and cleaning up for the Salvation Army Bread of Life appreciation dinner.

**Friday, February 16:** Tubing event, at Navarino Ski Hill.  
Watch for details in the bulletins.

**Sunday, March 4:** Annual Youth Group Soup Lunch, following the worship service. **Please plan to join us.**



“O God, from my youth You have taught me,  
and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds”  
(Psalm 71:17 NRSV).

## Deaths and Funerals

George Samson, a beloved member of St. John's, went to be with his Lord, Monday, December 18, 2017. George's memorial service was here, at St. John's, December 23, 2017. Our prayers and support go out for his family. † May God bless the memory of George Samson. †

Katherine Benz, mother of Debbie Boettcher, went to be with her Lord, Thursday, January 18, 2018. The service for Kitty, as she was known, was January 23, 2018, in Madison. † May God bless the memory of Katherine Benz. †

May God comfort those who grieve the loss of these beloved friends and family.

## **Pastor's Message...**

### **Lenting and Lending, Acts of Ministry...**

On February 18, the Christian Church will mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a period of 40 days, not including Sundays, that commemorates the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness in preparation for His ministry. Jesus went there to wrestle with His doubt and fear, so that He could do God's work with confidence and courage.

Like Jesus, we are also called to ministry, and we also need to prepare. Lent provides us with time to delve into the scriptures; to wrestle with our doubts and fears; and hopefully discover inner spiritual strength in the process. Then we use those new, or rediscovered, strengths to do the work of Christ among us.

Lent has traditionally been a time for self-sacrifice. Many of us may remember having to "give up something for Lent". I remember by parents insisting that my sister and I had to give up something. I also remember that they never agreed with my first choice, which was to give up doing my school homework. That—they insisted, was not a sacrifice! As a child, our Sunday School would often give us a dime folder with places for forty dimes. The idea was that each child would give a dime each day from his/her allowance as a sacrifice for Lent. In those days, that dime could buy two Hostess Twinkies or Cupcakes, or two candy bars, and when one is only eight or nine years old, that can seem like an awful lot to give. As I grew older, forces of inflation took their toll and those dime folders became quarter folders, but the intent was the same—make a daily sacrifice for others in the Spirit of Christ.

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When Jesus first went to the wilderness, He did so to test Himself, to determine if He was truly ready to lend Himself to God, to give Himself to all that God intended to do through Him. As we go through the Lenten season, we must also decide if we are truly ready to lend ourselves to God's purposes.

*We, also,  
need to be  
prepared*

Lending is risky business—that is why banks charge interest when they lend us money. If we are a good risk, we get a lower interest rate. If we are a bad risk, we pay more. That is because the bank wants to lend, but they do not want to lose their money. They want to lend without cost. When God asks us to lend ourselves to the ministry of Jesus, we often act like bankers. We want to know what is in it for us—what gain we will experience. We want to focus on the spiritual interest that we will be paid. That is **not** how God works, however. Expecting reward or gain is an act of self-interest, not self-sacrifice. Just as Jesus gave Himself to God's purposes without concern for the cost—even the cost of His life, we are also called to lend ourselves selflessly to God's purpose.

While Lenting encourages us to be lending ourselves to God, the practices of Lent are not just about "giving up" something. They are also about "taking on" something. Lent challenges us to give up selfishness, but it also challenges us to take on a new spirit of love and grace. **Love and grace** are

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## **Recycle Your Paper and Cans— Save a Critter...**

This year's Confirmation Class wants your help. Their class Stewardship Project is the Animal Shelter in Appleton. They want to do something to help those unfortunate animals that get abandoned. They will visit the shelter, learn about its programs, and then raise funds to help support those programs. The class has decided to re-cycle newspapers and aluminum cans to raise money for this project.

Please bring your paper and cans to church starting this month. Leave them in the parking lot entryway, and the Confirmation Class will take it from there. If you have too many papers to transport to church on your own, call the church office, and we will arrange to pick them up. Your recycled paper and cans can help save one of God's furry or feathered friends.

## **Women's Guild**



**WOMENS GUILD**

The Women's Guild did not formally meet in January, as this is our custom. We look forward to meeting the first Wednesday of February (the 7<sup>th</sup>)! We invite you to join us. We meet at 1:30 in the afternoon for a time of devotion, business, and fellowship with a side of deliciousness. This month's hostess is Roberta Lorenz, and our devotional leader is Ila Mae Jens.

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what change frightened selfish persons into grace-full selfless servants. **Love and grace** remove the burden of guilt that comes with sin and energize persons for acts of ministry. **Love and grace** empower us to take on someone else's burdens, to put others ahead of ourselves. **Love and grace** inspire personal acts and corporate acts of charity that focus on meeting human need and alleviating human suffering. **Love and grace** give us the courage we need to confront injustice and those in power, who sow the seeds of injustice. **Love and grace** are transformative, transforming both the giver and the receiver of selfless acts. (We are glad you are reading the newsletter. We would like to know you're reading it! Please call or email the church office and tell us, "I am reading the newsletter!" Those who call or email us will be entered into a drawing for a prize, *if you don't want the prize, just let us know not to include your name in the drawing.* However, we still want you to call or email us! Thank you.)

As we get ready for yet another Lenten season, I invite all of the members and friends of St. John's UCC to immerse ourselves in a spirit of Lenting—lending ourselves to God, so that we might carry on all that Christ is calling us to do in our place and time.

*Peace, Joy, Love, Pastor Tom*

## **Best Choice Save-A-Label**

Let's see how many UPC labels from Best Choice products St. John's can collect this year! The more the better. Would you please include the quantity of UPC labels with



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your bundles, when you give them to the office? Thank you!

*Here are some guidelines from Best Choice:*

1. Save only the UPC symbol from Best Choice products. Cut the UPC symbol from labels or cartons. *For glass items with a glued label, the labels can be removed by first soaking in warm water. Please dry the label afterwards.*
2. Products excluded from the Best Choice Save-A-Label Program: aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans, and cigarettes. (UPCs from 12-pk. & 24-pk. soda cardboard cartons **are acceptable**),
3. Any questions or inquiries: please contact BEST CHOICE SAVE-A-LABEL, at 913-288-1165 or [www.awgbrands.com](http://www.awgbrands.com).

## Box Tops for Education



**YES, YES, YES!** Box Tops for Education found on hundreds of items are redeemable for local schools, along with



Kwik Trip milk caps and bags. (Please Rinse & dry).

**No, not anymore!** Campbell Soup labels, along with any other soup labels, are no longer redeemable for schools.



**Another way to HELP:** Shiocton School district is holding paper and cardboard recycling drives throughout the school year. Are you interested in supporting them? Dates are as

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follows:           February 26—March 2, 2018  
                      April 16—20, 2018, and  
                      May 29---June 1, 2018.

I (Robin) will be happy to pick up your items, or you may drop off items in the yellow dumpster behind the Shiocton High School, until 3:00 p.m., Fridays during the collection weeks. Saving the planet and raising funds. WIN WIN!

*Thank you, Robin Schmidt*

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017**



The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Menning with Gary Vander Linden, Judy Samson, Connie Wheeler, Lisa Waterstradt, and Pastor Tom Fritz present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Tom.

A motion was made, by Judy Samson and seconded by Gary Vander Linden, to accept the minutes from last month.

Motion passed.

A motion was made, by Connie Wheeler and seconded by Judy Samson, to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

### **Pastors Report (November)**

- Conducted 3 Worship Services
- Attended 4 church meetings, 3 administrative meetings, and 4 group meetings
- Made 4 hospital visits

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** We are looking to have classes in February...

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...and the joining service in March.

**Christian Ed:** The Christmas Program will be during the worship service on December 17.

**Worship:** *Nothing at this time.*

**Music:** Always looking for more members.

**House:** There was a water main break nearby, and there is a problem with the urinal. The tiles should be done next week or soon after.

**Stewardship/Mission:** We had a good turnout for Cottage Nights. According to the survey/pledge cards, we should have an 8% increase of income.

**Campital Campaign/Mission Projects:** For the month of November, we collected \$320.00; YTD total is \$3,764.85. Our goal for the year is \$3,500.00, and we made it! Thank you all for your support!

### **Old Business:**

- Christmas Eve: We will have 2 services, 10:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Pulpit exchange went well with Rev. Jill Meyer on December 3.

### **New Business:**

- Reminder: Newsletters will be available for pick up the beginning of each month. They are located in a basket in the sanctuary near the west entrance. If they are not picked up by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, they will be mailed out. We are trying to save on postage, so if you see another member's newsletter still here, to...

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# Treasurer's Report—December 2017

<b>Building Fund</b>	Deposits	\$ 392.00	
	Interest	\$ .08	
	Disbursements	\$ .00	
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	Deposits	\$ 270.00	
	Disbursements	\$ .00	
<b>Organ Fund</b>	Deposits	\$ .00	
	Disbursements	\$ .00	
<b>General</b>	Deposits	\$27,802.50	
	Disbursements	\$(7,171.06)	
<b><i>Campital Campaign</i></b>	Deposits	\$ 840.00	
	Total YTD		\$4,604.85
	Goal for 2017		\$3,500.00
<b>OCWM / Other supports</b>	Deposits	\$ 864.00	
	Disbursements	\$ (1,294.00)	
	Total YTD		\$8,160.00
	Goal for 2017		\$7,000.00

<b>Total</b>	Beginning Balance	\$ 17,427.32
	Deposits	\$ 29,328.50
	Interest	\$ 0.08
	Disbursements	\$ (8,465.06)
	Ending Balance	\$ 38,290.84

<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 23,634.92	
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 4,821.92	
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	\$ 4,837.00	
<b>Organ Fund</b>	<u>\$ 4,997.00</u>	<u>\$38,290.84</u>
<b>Building Fund Balance</b>	PAID OFF!!!	
<b>Interest YTD</b>	\$ 1,685.05	
<b>Payments Made YTD</b>	\$ 46,821.83	
<b>YTD Membership Giving</b>	\$107,825.55	
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<u>\$(98,994.49)</u>	
<b>Net Amount *</b>	<u>\$ 8,831.06</u>	

\* Excludes building payments, OCWM /other supports, *Campital* Campaign, and other income / expense.

# Financial Secretary's Report— December 2017

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT									
Dec-17									
DATE	12/03/2017	12/10/2017	12/17/2017	12/24/2017	12/25/2017	12/31/2017	DIRECT DEPOSIT	TOTAL	
CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,262.00	\$3,416.00	\$2,028.50	\$6,761.00	\$1,335.00	\$14,326.00	\$200.00	\$29,328.50	
GENERAL FUND	\$1,217.00	\$2,989.00	\$1,633.50	\$6,197.00	\$1,185.00	\$13,641.00	\$100.00	\$26,962.50	
OCWM	\$45.00	\$5.00	\$55.00	\$414.00	\$150.00	\$55.00		\$724.00	
BUILDING FUND		\$162.00	\$30.00	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$392.00	
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN		\$110.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$530.00	\$100.00	\$840.00	
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING								\$0.00	
NEIGHBORS IN NEED								\$0.00	
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH								\$0.00	
CHRISTMAS FUND		\$130.00	\$10.00					\$140.00	
FUEL FUND								\$0.00	
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TOTAL MEMB. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,262.00	\$3,396.00	\$1,778.50	\$6,761.00		\$14,326.00	\$200.00		
OTHER INCOME									
MEMORIAL FUND		\$20.00	\$250.00					\$270.00	
								\$0.00	
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								\$0.00	
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$250.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		
TOTAL CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,262.00	\$3,416.00	\$2,028.50	\$6,761.00		\$14,326.00	\$200.00		

## Celebration Sunday

We have reasons to celebrate! Thank you to the Cottage Night Committee: Randy Miller, Gary Vander Linden, Lisa Waterstradt, Connie Rohloff, and Pastor Tom, for your time and effort in helping us have successful and enjoyable gatherings. Cottage events were held between November 26 and December 6, 2017. Thank you to our warm and gracious hostesses, who provided settings and snacks for participants, and thank you to our informative and interactive facilitators. Cottage Events were held by:

- ▣ Lisa and Dallas Waterstradt, at church;
- ▣ Gary and Bonnie Vander Linden, in Vi Brown Luebke's home;
- ▣ Audrey Hooyman Blake and Pastor Tom, at Audrey and Gene's home;
- ▣ Connie Rohloff, Bob and Carla Menning, in Connie and Mike's home;
- ▣ Roberta Lorenz, Kent and Val Abel, at church;
- ▣ Jan Boman and Robin Schmidt, at Jan's home; and
- ▣ Jan Rohloff, Randy Miller, and Steve Hanson, at Jan's home.



After our Cottage Events, we came together, as a congregation, seeking God's blessings on us and celebrating the faithful-stewardship journeys, to which many members and friends committed. Celebration Sunday was December 10, 2017. After worship, we enjoyed a delicious meal and fantastic fellowship. Thank you to all who prepared, participated, and attended.

## February 2018 Schedule

### Sunday, February 4 @ 10:15 a.m. - Communion Sunday

Reader	Randy Miller
Greeter/Usher	Randy Miller & Karen Arnold
Greeter/Usher	David & Brenda Holz



### Sunday, February 11 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Lisa St. John
Greeter/Usher	Todd & Lisa St. John
Greeter/Usher	Tanner St. John & Jonathan Tesch

### Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday

Reader	Robin Schmidt
Greeter/Usher	Robin Schmidt & Carol Schmidt
Greeter/Usher	Keith Kruse & Barry Zuleger

### Sunday, February 18 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Jan Rohloff
Greeter/Usher	Jan Rohloff & Trevor Rohloff
Greeter/Usher	Mike & Connie Rohloff

### Sunday, February 25 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Vi Brown-Luebke
Greeter/Usher	VI Brown-Luebke & Gary Vander Linden
Greeter/Usher	Bryce Vander Linden & Darwin Ethington

## A Riddle *Just* for Fun!

A house has four walls. All of the walls are facing south, and a bear is circling the house. What color is the bear?

*Find the answer in the February 4, 2018 bulletin.*

## **March 2018 Schedule**

### **Sunday, March 4 @ 10:15 a.m. - Communion Sunday**

Reader	Jim Rucci
Greeter/Usher	Jim Rucci & Steve Hanson
Greeter/Usher	Duane & Carol Henke

### **Sunday, March 11 @ 10:15 a.m.**

Reader	Carla Menning
Greeter/Usher	Bob & Carla Menning
Greeter/Usher	Gary & Carla Lathrop

### **Sunday, March 18 @ 10:15 a.m.**

Reader	Trudy Koon
Greeter/Usher	Trudy Koon & Morgan Vander Linden
Greeter/Usher	Ryan & Stephanie Julius

### **Sunday, March 25 @ 10:15 a.m. - Palm Sunday**

Reader	Sue Biese
Greeter/Usher	Joe & Sue Biese
Greeter/Usher	Dallas & Lisa Waterstradt



### **Sunday, April 1 @ 7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday**

Reader	Kent Abel
Greet/Usher	Kent & Val Abel
Greeter/Usher	Connie Wheeler & Cailey Wheeler

## **Easter Sunday 2018 Schedule**

### **Sunday, April 1 @ 10:15 a.m. - Easter Sunday**

Reader	Robin Schmidt
Greeter/Usher	Robin Schmidt & Bev Kruse
Greeter/Usher	Mark Hooyman & Kelcie Hooyman

## A Day Trip Opportunity

Lakeland University invites you to join them for an educational trip to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Saturday, March 3, 2018. Registrations must be in by February 16, 2018.

Details:

- Departure is from Lakeland [W3718 South Drive, Plymouth](#), Wisconsin; the bus will be located in Lot D on the campus.
- Cost is \$12.00/ person, which includes transportation from Lakeland via coach bus, admission, a three-hour guided tour, and a light lunch at the museum.
- You may bring your own snacks and beverages for the bus ride.
- Open to anyone, but it is suggested that children be at least 12-years-old. Anyone under age 18-years will be required to complete a waiver with parental approval and must be accompanied by an adult.
- Seats are limited and are based on first-come, first-served. Register by February 16, at [Lakeland.edu/MHC](http://Lakeland.edu/MHC), or [bosmanlr@lakeland.edu](mailto:bosmanlr@lakeland.edu), or call Linda at 920-565-1023, extension 2151.

There is a letter-size poster on the bulletin boards at St. John's.

## Psalm 6:11

*"Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, so that those who love Your name may exult in You,"* Oh Lord (NRSV).

## Happy Wedding Anniversary!

...to those celebrating their married lives together, this month



## Happy Birthday!

....to all celebrating a birthday this month!

*“For it was You Who formed my inward parts;  
You knit me together in my mother’s womb”  
(Psalm 139:13).*

### **Council Minutes...***continued from page 10*

...whom you can deliver, it would be appreciated if you would deliver it to him/her/them.

- Once we have a search committee together, they will start a profile and discuss what we want in a minister.

### **Prayers and Thanks:**

Thank you to the decorating committee for making the church so beautiful during the holiday season.

**A motion** was made, by Connie Wheeler and seconded by Lisa Waterstradt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

**Next Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

*Connie Wheeler, Council Secretary*

## Prospective New Members' Class and Brunch

On Sunday, February 18, we are holding a New Member Class and Brunch for persons who are interested in exploring membership with St. John's UCC. This event is for church leaders and prospective new members only and will take place in the fellowship hall following our morning service of worship.



If you are interested in exploring membership, or know someone who is, call the church office to provide us with names and information. *"Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved"* (Acts 2:47b).

## Koins for Kim and Ron

As you may have heard, Ron, the husband of our church secretary, Kim, is facing serious surgery at Froedtert Hospital, in Milwaukee, at the end of January. This will require him to be in the hospital for at least one week. Ron's condition has forced him to stop working, and the financial burdens of being in the hospital for a week are excessive. We want to help Kim and Ron face this challenge with "Koins for Kim and Ron." On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting members to bring their extra change, from jars, jugs, or pockets, and give it to a special offering. (We will also accept "folding money" if you do not have change.) Let's be generous so that we can "change" this challenge to a blessing!

